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At Presidential Address

Wangensteen's devotion to research praised

A basic and original principle of the American College of Surgeons urges Fellows to make continuing efforts to improve their knowledge of surgery through research. Almost every act that we perform today originates with a patient's problem. This problem prompts an idea of a solution and a commitment of time and effort to explore this idea—in short, research. No one understood this sequence better than Owen Wangensteen," Lloyd D. MacLean, MD, FACS, the newly installed President of the College, said in his Presidential Address last evening.

Dr. MacLean shared with the audience some highlights from the life and career of Dr. Wangensteen while he was at the University of Minnesota in the 1930s. "He treated the whole pa-

tient before, during, and following the operation...he always recommended saving the drowning victim before starting the swimming lessons," Dr. MacLean noted.

During the presentation entitled "Wangensteen's Surgical Forum," which he delivered at the conclusion of Convocation ceremonies in the Moscone Center, Dr. MacLean told Initiates about Dr. Wangensteen's belief that young and productive workers in surgery should be provided with an opportunity early in their career for active participation in surgical meetings "before the ravages of time dampen their enthusiasm."

This belief eventually led to the establishment of the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems, Dr. MacLean noted.

"His basic ideas were that the ad-

vancement of knowledge should take precedence over dissemination of old ideas, and that encouragement should be given to all young investigators to present what is new and best in surgery each year to a forum of their peers," Dr. MacLean said.

Dr. Wangensteen predicted that this forum would capture the imagination of better surgeons. "He was convinced that surgery is advanced more by its science than by its art, and he saw no reason why the two cannot coexist," Dr. MacLean stated.

Dr. MacLean told the audience that Dr. Evarts Graham, in the foreword to the first published volume of the *Surgical Forum* in 1951, called the forum a unique institution not found in any other country and representing a potent factor in making American surgery the strong and innovative

profession that it is.

"Shared opportunity was Owen Wangensteen's byword," Dr. MacLean said. "He had the willingness to recognize every type of talent regardless of how well it was disguised, and had the ability to encourage and stimulate all of us," Dr. MacLean said.

"Owen Wangensteen believed that surgeons could be divided into two groups—those who see what they believe and those who believe what they see. He tried through research to produce the latter. He always listened attentively but eventually asked to see the evidence, the data. As we approach the 21st century, this is a question becoming more frequently asked of everyone in medicine. I hope all of you will be active in preparing the answers in surgery," Dr. MacLean concluded.

Dr. Walt chosen as ACS President-Elect

Alexander J. Walt, MD, MS(Surg), FRCS, FRCS(Eng), MB, ChB, the Chairman of the ACS Board of Regents, was named President-Elect yesterday afternoon at the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates, which took place at Moscone Center.

Dr. Walt, who is Distinguished Professor of Surgery at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI, will be installed as President at the 1994 Clinical Congress in Chicago, IL.

Dr. Walt received a medical degree in 1948 from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He has been associated with Wayne State University since 1961, and served as assistant and associate dean of medicine from 1964 to 1970. Dr. Walt served as Penberthy Professor and chairman of the department of surgery from 1966 to 1988.

Dr. Walt became a Fellow of the College in 1963. He served on the Board of Governors from 1975 to 1981, and has

been a Regent since 1984. In 1991 he was elected Chairman of the Board of Regents. Dr. Walt has been extremely active in College affairs, including membership on the Committee on Trauma (1974-1984) and serving as an ACS representative to the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (1982-1987). He also served as Director of the Franklin H. Martin Memorial Foundation from 1985 to 1991. Dr. Walt delivered the 1978 Scudder Oration on Trauma.

Dr. Walt is a past president of the Michigan Chapter of the ACS, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Central Surgical Association, and the Western Surgical Association.

Dr. Walt has edited two books, published more than 150 scientific papers, and he has held numerous editorial board positions. He has been visiting professor at virtually all of the major medical schools in the United States. Among his honors and awards were

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Dr. Alexander Walt, ACS President-Elect, and his wife, Irene.

Panel examines impact of Clinton reform plan

A symposium sponsored by the ACS Program Committee met yesterday morning to consider "Health Care Reform and Its Impact on Surgeons." The panel session was moderated by W. Gerald Austen, MD, FACS, Boston, MA.

The first speaker was Glenn R. Markus, a principal officer with the consulting firm of Health Policy Alternatives in Washington, DC. Mr. Markus provided an outline of the evolving policy proposals of President Clinton's health care reform plan. "Politically, the most important issue of the President's plan is universal coverage for all Americans," Mr. Markus said. He told the audience that beyond universal coverage, the current major components of the plan focus on: benefits (guaranteed, high and low cost-sharing by consumers); restructuring of insurance purchasing alliances, including the creation of a National Health Board; cost-containment measures and mechanisms; financing (including government and employer-based subsidies); and special provisions involving physicians, including proposals related to quality of health care and the regulation of graduate medical education funding and specialty residencies.

The second speaker was David

Chernof, MD, who is senior vice-president and corporate medical director of Blue Cross of California (BCC), Woodland Hills, CA. Dr. Chernof summarized those aspects of health care reform that will most certainly affect the insurance industry in general and managed care systems specifically. BCC is one of the strongest of the 69 Blue Cross/Blue Shield organizations, and it is 95 percent managed care. "BCC provides benefits to more Californians than any other managed care or health insurance company. We are the industry leader in providing coverage for small employer groups and individuals," he said.

Dr. Chernof indicated that an important aspect of President Clinton's plan is the move toward a managed care system. The benefits of managed care, he said, include the coordination of services, the integration of quality and cost-effectiveness, the correction of distorted incentives, and the containment of costs through the propitious use of new technology and interactive care networks.

Dr. Chernof stated that the advantages of managed care programs for physicians include: predictability of income; decreased financial/administrative burdens; coordination of spe-

cialty care; emphasis on preventive medicine for patients; and quality partnerships with hospitals, health systems, and colleagues.

The final speaker was Art Young, who is corporate benefits manager with Hewlett-Packard (HP) Co., Palo Alto, CA. This company is consistently rated as having one of the top 10 insurance packages in the U.S. Health care benefits, Mr. Young indicated, encompass approximately 7 percent of HP's total payroll of \$20 million nationwide. As a self-insured company for the last 20 years, HP takes a proactive approach to health care, and includes 70 HMOs and a wide variety of insurance options in its system, he said.

Regarding the proposals of President

Clinton's plan, Mr. Young told the audience that "benefits in the plan look to be too comprehensive, with no clear-cut management controls." He noted that the President's plan for increased benefits will translate into an overall cost increase for Hewlett-Packard of between \$50 and \$100 million.

Mr. Young cited the following groups as potential winners under the President's proposed health care plan: uninsured individuals, large businesses with a large number of retirees, primary care physicians, and large insurance companies. Potential losers, Mr. Young said, include small business owners, large businesses without large retiree groups, physician specialists, and specialty care managers.

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his selection by the Royal College of Surgeons of England as Hunterian Professor in 1969 and as Moynihan Lecturer in 1988. He was also the Founder's Lecturer of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract in 1977, recipient of the Jorge Bejarano Medal from the Government of Colombia in 1981, the Balfour Visiting Professor in 1985, and the Judd-Plummer Lecturer of the Mayo Clinic in 1991.

Dr. Walt is a member of Wayne State University's Academy of Scholars and was presented its Distinguished Service Award in 1988.

In other College actions taken yesterday, the Fellows named William W. Kridelbaugh, MD, FACS, Albuquerque,

NM, as First Vice-President-Elect, and Richard J. Field, Jr., MD, FACS, Centreville, MS, as Second Vice-President-Elect.

Dr. Kridelbaugh is on the staff of Presbyterian Hospital, Albuquerque, NM. He has been a Regent of the College since 1984, and has served on the ACS Regental Committee on Professional Liability and the Advisory Council, American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

Dr. Field is chief of surgery, Field Memorial Hospital and director, Field Clinic, Centreville, MS. He has been a Regent of the College since 1984 and is a past president of the Southeastern Surgical Congress.



D. Raj Mahajan (right), Governor-at-Large from India, receives a charter from Frank R. Lewis, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Governors, at this year's annual Board of Governors meeting. With approximately 300 Fellows, India became the 93rd chapter and the 24th foreign country to receive a charter.

The following companies (followed by their booth number) have supported the Clinical Congress News with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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Barry Manuel receives top College honor

The highest honor awarded by the American College of Surgeons—the Distinguished Service Award—was presented to Barry M. Manuel, MD, FACS, of Belmont, MA, at the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Manuel has served the College in several capacities. He has been a member of the College's Board of Governors; the President and Treasurer of the Massachusetts Chapter; and a member of the Board of Governors

Committee on Professional Liability, the Regental Committee on Professional Liability, and the Advisory Panel on Defensive Medicine and the Use of Medical Technology of the Office of Technology Assessment, which is a nonpartisan congressional agency. He is currently the Vice-President for Professional Affairs of the Massachusetts Chapter.

Dr. Manuel has worked toward medical liability reform at the state and federal levels for over a decade as an author, lecturer, and proponent, and he has

lent his expertise to the development of a legal "no-fault" model for the medical liability crisis.

Dr. Manuel has been on the surgical staff of University Hospital in Boston since 1963. He has been the associate dean of Boston University School of Medicine since 1980 and professor of surgery since 1982.

The College's Board of Regents is pleased to recognize Dr. Manuel's outstanding contributions by naming him the 1993 recipient of its highest honor.



Barry Manuel, MD, FACS



Past ACS Distinguished Service Award recipients gathered on Tuesday for their annual luncheon. From left to right are: Seymour I. Schwartz, Rochester, NY; R. Gordon Holcombe, Jr., Lake Charles, LA; S. Stuart Mally, Atlantic City, NJ; C. Thomas Thompson, Tulsa, OK; Vallee L. Willman, St. Louis, MO; C. Barber Mueller, Hamilton, ON; George W. Stephenson, Chicago, IL; and Luis F. Sala, Ponce, PR.



SESAP '94-'95 premiered this week at Moscone Center. Surgeons who are interested in obtaining information about the program should contact Marilyn Lux at ACS headquarters in Chicago.



Surgeons and allied health professionals flocked to the technical exhibit area this week to view new products and publications.

Reminder

All Specialty Sessions and Postgraduate Courses scheduled for Friday, October 15, will be held at the San Francisco Hilton and Towers or the San Francisco Marriott. There are no sessions scheduled in the Moscone Center.

Notice to Congress registrants

Some attendance verification cards were inadvertently returned to Congress participants at registration. If your verification card was returned to you when you registered, stop by a registration desk and return your card. Please make sure to do so, so that your attendance at the 1993 Clinical Congress can be verified.

Registration totals

As of Thursday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 19,106. Of that number, 9,096 were physicians and 10,010 were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.

Program Changes

Specialty Sessions

Colon and Rectal Surgery Panel Discussion on Ileal Pouch-Anal Anastomosis: Current Status and Controversies, Friday, October 15, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon: Steven D. Wexner, MD, FACS, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, will replace Dr. Jagelman in presenting "Technical Controversies."

ACS Regents and Governors named

The ACS Board of Governors has elected Margaret F. Longo, MD, FACS, Jonathan L. Meakins, MD, FACS, Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, and Paul E. Collicott, MD, FACS, as Regents of the College.

Dr. Longo is a general surgeon in private practice and vice-president of Acadian Ambulance Service, Lafayette, LA. She has been active on the College's Development Committee, Nominating Committee, Professional Liability Committee, and Young Surgeons' Committee. Dr. Longo will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. Meakins is professor and chief of surgery at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, PQ. He has served on the ACS Pre- and Postoperative Care Committee, Committee on Surgical Education in Medical Schools, and has been an editor of *Care of the Surgical Patient*. Dr. Meakins will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. Russell is in private practice and is chairman, department of surgery, Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center, San Francisco, CA. He has been active as chairman of the ACS Northern California Credentials Committee. Dr. Russell will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. Collicott is in private practice and is chairman, department of trauma, Lincoln General Hospital, Lincoln, NE. He has served as an ATLS consultant and as a member of the Committee on Trauma. Dr. Collicott will also serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

The Governors reelected Harvey W. Bender, Jr., MD, FACS, Nashville, TN, to a second three-year term as Regent.

The Board of Governors elected as officers for one-year terms: Richard J. Finley, MD, FACS, Chairman, and Hugh H. Trout III, MD, FACS, Vice-Chairman. Ronald C. Jones, MD, FACS, was reelected to a second one-year term as Secretary.

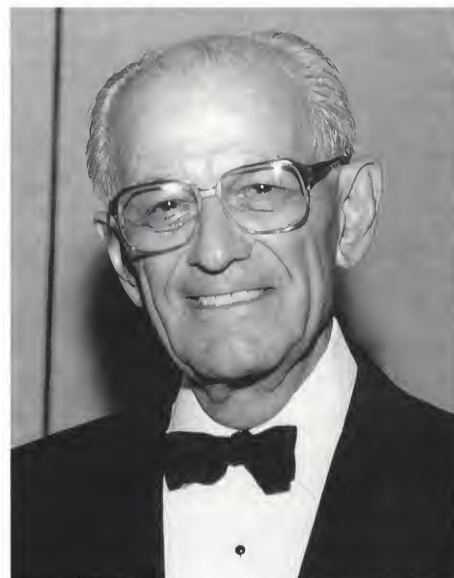
In other actions, the Board of Governors named Edward M. Copeland III,

MD, FACS, to a second two-year term on the Executive Committee. Elected to initial two-year terms on the Executive Committee were Richard Carter, MD, FACS, and Charles W. Logan, MD, FACS. Dr. Carter is senior surgeon, Inter-Community Medical Center, Covina, CA; Dr. Logan is president, St. Vincent Infirmary, and clinical professor, University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

In addition, the following individuals were elected Governors:

Governors-at-Large

Steven J. Kilkenny, Alaska (two-year unexpired term); Charles W. Logan, Arkansas; Lucian C. Buscaglia, California; Robert C. Lim, California (one-year unexpired term); Thomas R. Russell, California; Wesley S. Moore, California; Jack B. Yaffa, Florida; Frederick A. Reddy, Florida (new seat); Talmadge A. Bowden, Jr., Georgia (new seat); Merle F. Crosslan, Illinois; Forrest D. Griffen, Louisiana (new seat); Robert A. Barnett, Maryland (new seat); J. Richard Chabot, Massachusetts; Lazar J. Greenfield, Michigan; Allen Silbergleit, Michigan; Donald G. McQuarrie, Minnesota; John P. Christy, Missouri; George Saj, New Jersey; Lynn A. Parry, New Jersey; Barry W. Rubin, New York; Bok Y. Lee, New York; James M. Hassett, Jr., New York; Michael P. Rade, New York; Carlo E. Grossi, New York; Roger W. Yurt, New York; Lawrence H. Linder, Ohio; Gary L. Hoffman, Oregon; Richard P. Bondi, Pennsylvania; Marshall W. Webster, Pennsylvania; James R. Warden, Pennsylvania; Thomas J. Tachovsky, Pennsylvania; John C. Schantz, Pennsylvania; Clyde F. Barker, Pennsylvania; Richard G. Middleton, Utah; Eugene W. Grabowski, Vermont; Russell P. Seneca, Virginia; John A. Ryan, Jr., Washington; Stuart D. Wilson, Wisconsin; David P. Petrie, Nova Scotia; David W. Hurst, Ontario (two-year unexpired term); Alfonso Morales Zuniga, Mexico; Ludovic Frans Vereecken, Belgium;



William W. Kridelbaugh, ACS First Vice-President Elect.



Richard J. Field, Second Vice-President Elect

Hernando Abaunza Orjuela, Colombia; Silvio E. Pazzetti Galvan, Guatemala; Peter R. Fletcher, Jamaica; Kamal J. Bikhazi, Lebanon; Shaikh A.H. Babar, Pakistan; Enrique T. Ona, Philippines; Ramsay P. Attisha, Saudi Arabia.

Specialty Governors

Warren W. Koontz, Jr., American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons; Richard L. Goode, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, Inc. (two-year unexpired term); George L. Spaeth, American Academy of Ophthalmology; Ronald E. Rosenthal, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; R. Barrett Noone, American Association of Plastic Surgeons; John C. Baldwin, American Association for Thoracic Surgery; Byron J. Masterson, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Rodrique Mortel, American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society; Paul K. Carlton, Jr., Department of the Air Force; Warren Y. Adkins, Jr., American Laryngological Association; Jerome M. Cotler, American Orthopaedic Association; Gregory J.

Matz, American Otological Society; James B. Peake, Department of the Army (two-year unexpired term); Edward M. Copeland III, American Surgical Association; Samuel B. Labow, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons; Hollis W. Merrick III, Association for Surgical Education; Edward L. Johnson, American Urological Association; Martin B. Camins, Congress of Neurological Surgeons; Donald Silver, Central Surgical Association; George Johnson, Jr., International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery-North American Chapter; Paul Friedmann, New England Surgical Society; William S. Fletcher, North Pacific Surgical Association; Geoffrey C. Nunes, Pacific Coast Surgical Association; Bernard Langer, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; Edward R. Laws, Jr., Society of Neurological Surgeons; Arnold G. Diethelm, Southern Surgical Association; George J. Magovern, Society of Thoracic Surgeons; Arlo S. Hermreck, Southwestern Surgical Congress; Gerald B. Healy, Triological Society; Amilu S. Rothhammer, Western Surgical Association.

Allied Meetings

Please note: A number of medical school and alumni associations and surgical societies will have information booths, usually open the day of the event, in an area adjacent to the registration area in Moscone Center.

Friday

Morning

Society of University Urologists

7:30 am - 11:45 am. Breakfast Meeting. Hilton & Towers, Ballroom level, Plaza Ballroom B.



New officers of the Board of Governors, from left to right: Hugh H. Trout III, Richard J. Finley, and Ronald C. Jones.